(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Vigilance Commission had imposed major penalties against some Engineers of the Municipal Corporation of Delhi in the case of Madipur Overhead Tanks which collapsed sometime in the year 1983-84; and

(b) what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) and (b) The role of Central Vigilance Commission is advisory in nature. In the case of Madipur over-head Tanks, the Central Vigilance Commission have advised initiation of major penalty and minor penalty proceedings against 4 Engineers of Municipal Corporation of Delhi.

ISRO offer for Microware link to Ahmedabad Doordarshan

300. SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in January, 1991 ISRO has offered to provide Microwave link to Ahmedabad Doordarshan;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for not providing microwave link to Ahmedabad Doordarshan; and

(c) by when linkage is likely to be provided to Ahmedabad Doordarshan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) No offer has been received to provide microwave linkage between Ahmedabad and Delhi.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Considering the development of wide-band microwave circuits in the country, it has been decided to distribute regional service in Gujarat via Satellite on availability of suitable capacity. This will also enable Doordarshan to feed programmes from Doordarshan Kendra, Ahmedabad to Doordarshan Kendra, Delhi for inclusion in the National network programmes. Department of Space has, however, agreed to make available uplinking facility at Ahmedabad for uplinking regional service programmes of Doordarshan Kendra, Ahmedabad pending establishment of Doordarshan's uplinking facility.

Demand for telecasting National Programmes on State Doordarshan Centres

301. SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Regional Programmes are forced on State Doordarshan Centres by the Doordarshan;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there was no demand from all the States to telecast Regional Programmes on Sundays in their States;

(c) whether it is also a fact that majority of the people in all the States want to view National Programmes on Sundays including feature film; and

(d) whether Government would telecast National Programmes in all the States on Sundays reconsidering its decision to telecast Regional Programmes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (d) No, Sir. In pursuance of the objectives of setting up of Regional Kendras, all Doordarshan Kendras having programme production facilities telecast programmes in the language of the region for a specific duration from Monday to Saturday. However on Sunday, the majority of programmes telecast by these Kendras are relayed through National network service put out centrally by Doordarshan Kendra, Delhi. The scheduling of the programme is done by Doordarshan keeping in view the suggestions received from various quarters including